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SUBJECT: AUGUST 11 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. KOREA

HOUSE ETHICS CMTE FAILS IN SECRET EFFORT QUESTION TONGSUN
PARK. INVESTIGATORS SENT LONDON, MET W/PARK WHO REFUSED
COOPERATE (TAYLOR, WSTAR 8/10; CHITRIB; SUN). NYT'S
HALLORAN REPORTS HOUSE ETHICS CMTE CHMN FLYNT BEGAN SECRET
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EFFORT QUESTION TONGSUN PARK. ADDS FLYNT DECLINES DISCUSS
EFFORT. REID (WP) SAYS ATTY GEN BELL ORDERS DOJ STEP UP
EFFORTS BRING TONGSUN PARK BACK TO US.

2. INDOCHINA

SIHANOUK/MONIQUE UNDER VIRTUAL HOUSE ARREST AT PP/FORBIDDEN

LEAVE COUNTRY, ACCORDING THAI SUPREME CMD (CHITRIB).

3. INDOCHINA/JAPAN

JAPAN KAMPUCHEA TRADE ASSN (ORGANIZATION PRIVATE INDUSTRIALISTS/BUSINESSMEN) PLANS SEND MISSION TO CAMBODIA THIS YEAR TO CONCLUDE TRADE/PAYMENTS/SHIPPING AGREEMENTS (CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

4. JAPAN

US OFFICIALS SAY US EITHER WILL OBTAIN REVISED N PAC FISHING TREATY W/JAPAN, CANADA OR GET OUT OF EXISTING TREATY BY NEXT SPRING. KEY PROBLEM SURROUNDS JAPAN'S TRADITIONAL NETTING OF ASIAN/AMERICAN/EANADIAN SALMON ON HIGH SEAS, WHICH NOW PUTS IT IN CONFLICT W/US' 200-MI ZONE (AP).

UPI'S KAYLOR (TOKYO) REPORTS GOJ UNLIKELY INCREASE DEF SPENDING NEXT DESPITE STATED INTENTION OF REDUCING MIL DEPENDENCY ON US. GOJ HAS FORMULATED MIL MODERNIZATION PLAN, BUT 6.5-BIL-DOL MIL DEF BUDGET FOR FY77 REPRESENTS SMALLER PERCENTAGE GNP THAN LAST YR. US SOURCE PRAISES PROGRAM, BUT EXPRESSES DOUBTS WHETHER CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN 1 PCT GNP CEILING OVER GIVEN TIME PD.

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BANK OF JAPAN GOV SAYS JAPAN'S ECON UNLIKELY SUFFER SERIOUS SETBACK THIS YR, DESPITE SLUGGISH RECOVERY. BELIEVES ECON WILL REGAIN POWER AS DIRECT RESULT RECENT DISCOUNT RATE CUTS, BUT SAYS NO FURTHER CUTS PLANNED (CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

JAPAN DEF AGENCY HAS DECIDED PURCHASE AT LEAST 44 LOCKHEED ANTI-SUB PATROL PLANES OVER NEXT 10 YRS AT TOTAL COST APPROX 1.5 BIL DOLS (CULLISON).

JAPAN SUGAR REFINERS ASSN DECIDES TURN DOWN OFFER MADE BY CUBA TO SELL THEM AS MUCH SUGAR AS THEY WANT BETW 12/77-10/78 (UNICOM NEWS, JOC).

FUJI PHOTO FILM PLANS EXPORT DRIVE TO RAISE MARKET SHARE IN US IN ORDER SUSTAIN PREVIOUS HIGH GROWTH RATE IN DOMESTIC MARKET. IN NEXT 3 YRS, FIRM PLANS BOOST EXPORTS TO ABOUT 30 PCT OVERALL SALES (WSJ).

SUMITOMO BANK OF CALIF'S 19.9-MIL-DOL BID ACQUIRE 19 BANK OF CALIF BRANCHES MAY BE SLOWED BY PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FIRM WHICH SAYS BANK DISCRIMINATES AGAINST MINORITIES.

LAW FIRM HAS ASKED STATE BANKING SUPERINTENDENT BLOCK DEAL UNTIL SUMITOMO COMES UP W/PLAN RECRUIT MORE BLACKS/ ASIANS/SPANISH-SURNAMED INTO UPPER MANAGEMENT POSITIONS (AP, SUN).

FROM TOYAKO ONSEN, NYT'S MALCOLM DOES ITEM ON ERUPTION MT USU, WHICH HAS SPEWN OUT MILLIONS TONS ROCKS/SAND/ SLUDGE/ASH OVER LAST 3 DAYS. DAMAGES EXPECTED TOP 10 MIL DOLS.

5. CHINA

REUTER (NYT) REPORTS PEKING NEWSPAPERS DROPPING HINTS 11TH CCP CONGRESS NOW BEGUN. "PD"/"GUANGMING DAILY" SINCE UNCLASSIFIED

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JULY PLENUM CARRIED SLOGANS ON UPCOMING CONGRESS; 8/11 SLOGANS DROPPED, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE CONGRESS UNDERWAY. SEVERAL PAPERS ALSO NOW CARRYING BACKGROUND INFO ON PAST CONGRESSES. AP (BELGRADE 8/10) SAYS YUGOSLAV REPORT FROM PEKING ALSO CONFIRMS CONGRESS UNDERWAY. NO OFFICIAL WORD FROM PRC, HOWEVER.

"TASS" CONTINUES VERBAL ATTACKS ON PRC, NOW TERMING TENG HSIAO-PING "NOTORIOUS" FOR PAST ATTACKS ON MOSCOW. CITES 1974 UNGA MTG WHEN TENG CALLED FOR STRUGGLE AGAINST USSR. ADDS TENG REMOVED FROM POWER WHEN MAO DETERMINED HIM IDEOLOGICALLY WEAK (REUTER MOSCOW, 8/10).

AT PRC REQUEST, ACCORDING PEKING "INFORMED SOURCES," JOINT SINO-SOVIET RIVER NAVIGATION COMMISSION HAS RECONVENED IN AIGUN TO DISCUSS NAVIGATION ON STRATEGIC USSURI RIVER (REUTER PEKING, 8/10).

WALDHEIM ENDS WEEK-LONG VISIT PRC. ROLE OF 3RD WORLD IN UN CHIEFLY DISCUSSED. UN SEC-GEN REPORTS CHAIRMAN HUA TO HAVE STRESSED PRC FON POLICY WILL FOLLOW MAO/CHOU MODEL (REUTER PEKING).

AMERICAN EXPORT LINES/ZIM CONTAINER SERVICE/MAERSK CONTAINER LINE REPORT REGULAR SERVICE TO/FROM TAIWAN, DESPITE DAMAGE OF 2 MAJOR PORTS BY RECENT TYPHOONS (JOC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

6. INDOCHINA/ASEAN

LORENZ (JOC SINGAPORE) IN 1ST OF 2 ARTICLES, SAYS HANOI NOT EXPECTED REDUCE HOSTILITY TOWARD ASEAN, BUT SEES UNCLASSIFIED

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GROWING EVIDENCE THAT TRADE WILL GRADUALLY PICK UP BETW THEM. NOTES SINGAPORE BEGINNING RESTORE COMML LINKS W/ SRV. ADDS ASEAN STATES WORRIED THAT JAPAN WILL SHOW MORE INVESTMENT INTEREST IN SRV THAN IN OWN COUNTRIES.

7. KOREA

MADDOCKS (CSM) REVIEWS SK INFLUENCE-BUYING SCANDAL. FINDS IT JUST LATEST ACT IN MORALITY PLAY THAT GOES BACK TO LATE 1620S, WHEN 1ST AMERICANS WERE PRONOUNCED UNETHICAL. SAYS KOREAN TRAGICOMEDY ONLY PROVES AMERICANS STILL REMAIN INNOCENTS.

ADD NEWS

8. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

SORTERS AT SYDNEY'S CENTRAL MAIL EXCHANGE BEGAN 24-HR WORK STOPPAGE MIDNITE 8/11 IN SUPPORT OF SHORTER WORK WEEK. STRIKE EXPECTED AFFECT BOTH DOMESTIC/OVERSEAS MAIL (REUTER SYDNEY).

DOS SAYS MULDOON EXPECTED VISIT WASHINGTON THIS FALL, POSSIBLY NOV. DOS' TRATTNER 8/10 SAID KNEW NOTHING OF ANY DELAY IN PM'S PLANNED VISIT DUE NZ REPORTS THAT CARTER/ ADMIN OFFICIALS DIDN'T WANT MEET MULDOON BECAUSE HE REFERRED TO PRES AS "SMALL-TOWN PEANUT FARMER" (REUTER 8/10).

9. GENERAL

BROWN (WSTAR 8/10) REPORTS SEA-LAND SERVICE, USING DUMMY BANK ACCOUNTS/FALSIFIED INVOICES, DISBURSED NEARLY 20 MIL DOLS IN REBATES/OTHER "QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS" IN 17 COUNTRIES, INCL 7.2 MIL DOLS SPREAD OVER HK/TAIWAN/JAPAN/SK. CHRISTOPHER

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